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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

Applicants : Michael Shin-San Su et al.
Application No. : 09/642,749
Confirmation No. : 1079
Filed : August 18, 2000
Group Art Unit : 1634
For : METHODS FOR DESIGNING INHIBITORS OF
SERINE/THREONINE KINASES AND TYROSINE
KINASES

New York, New York 10020
December 15, 2003

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in reply to the July 14, 2003 Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants have petitioned concurrently herewith to extend the time for response to that action by two months, up to and including December 14, 2003¹, and have paid the required fee [37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136(a) and 1.17(a)(2)]. Thus, this response is timely filed.

¹ The extended day for responding to the communication is December 14, 2003, which falls on a Sunday. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.7, applicants submit this response on the next business day.

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Applicants have also concurrently filed a Notice of Appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the final decision of the Primary Examiner rejecting claims 10 and 23 and has paid the required fee [37 C.F.R. § 1.191 and 1.17(b)]. To the extent that claims 11, 12 and 13, as written in independent form, as suggested by the Examiner, are not allowed, applicants also appeal the rejection of these claims.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.